

## 2011-2012 Arts Education Data

LEA (Local Education Agency)  Pitt County Schools	Contact Person  Dr. Beverly Emory, Superintendent	Contact Information  1717 West Fifth Street Greenville, NC 27858
Number of Arts Educators  Dance: 6 Music: 52 Theatre Arts: 6 Visual Arts: 43	How many arts education positions are funded with state funds?  102	How many arts education positions are funded locally? 4  How many arts education positions with federal funding? 1

### The background history of establishment of an arts education graduation requirement,

The one unit of Arts Education requirement was implemented for all entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2004-2005 school year when Pitt Co Schools converted from a traditional 6 period day to a 4x4 Block schedule. The graduating classes of 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 have fulfilled this one unit of Arts Education requirement.

Rationale for the Arts requirement included: increased elective opportunities inherent in the 4x4 schedule (from 6 to 8 courses per year); increased 'rigor' in that the NC Scholars Diploma required an Arts Education unit of credit; the school districts commitment to 21<sup>st</sup> century skill development; providing students the opportunity for direct and active participation in a curriculum that inherently fosters creativity and innovation, critical thinking and higher order problem solving, as illustrated in the revised Blooms taxonomy of thinking.

Historically PCS and its community, values the Arts as important, fundamental and necessary to achieving a balanced education. The Arts help address the drop-out rate by keeping students engaged in school. By providing access and opportunities for ALL students to develop creative, innovative thinking, the Arts help produce a workforce with the highly sought skills needed for successful employment in a globally competitive world.

### The arts disciplines (dance, music, theatre arts, visual arts) offerings

16 Elementary Schools (K-5, K-2, 3-5 Schools):  Visual Arts & General Music offered once a week, year long.  16 of 16 offer Visual Arts 16 of 16 offer General Music 12 of 16 offer Elem Chorus	13 Middle Schools (6-8 and K-8 Schools):  Band, Orchestra, Chorus, offered as year long courses; General Music, Visual Arts, Dance and Theatre are offered as semester courses. Some schools have modified schedules. 1 of 13 MS offers Theatre 2 of 13 MS offers Dance 10 of 13 MS offer Chorus 11 of 13 MS offer Orchestra 13 of 13 offer Band 13 of 13 offer Visual Arts	6 High Schools (9-12):  4 of 6 HS offer Chorus 5 of 6 HS offer Orchestra 5 of 6 HS offer Dance 6 of 6 HS offer Band 6 of 6 HS offer Theatre 6 of 6 HS offer Visual Arts
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How do you fund instructional supplies for the arts?

6-12 Band and Orchestra Programs are supported by Local Funds based on student enrollment in these programs. These Instrumental Music Programs also generate additional funds through Booster Organizations, site-based fundraising, and Grants.  
All remaining Visual Arts, Choral, General Music, Theatre and Dance Education Programs are funded at the discretion of the School/Site Level Local Funds, PTA's, site-based fundraising, and Grants.

Describe any additional funding for Arts Education

Grants

What challenges are created by the arts graduation requirement?

None. A small number of students have fulfilled the arts requirement online.

Describe the community support and what your LEA does to sustain that support.

Strong community support. The PCS Arts Education Programs are highly engaged with the community.

Is there a designated arts education coordinator at the central office for the LEA? If yes, who is this person and what is his/her contact information?

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